

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 to 7, 10 and 12 to 18 are pending in this application of which claims 1, 10 and 17 are the independent claims. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3 to 7, 10 and 12 to 18 are allowed.

Nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant submits that the entire application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

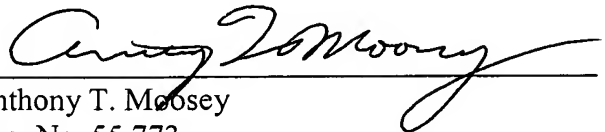
All correspondence should be directed to the address below. Applicant's attorney can be reached by telephone at (617) 422-3532.

No fee is believed to be due for this Response; however, if any fees are due, please apply such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0515 referencing Attorney Docket 1495-US.

Respectfully submitted,

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